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Child Porn on iPod Equals Federal Prison Sentence

United States Attorney David E. O'Meilia announced that William Don Woods, age 31, of Claremore, was sentenced to prison in federal court in Tulsa on April 29 for having images of child pornography on his iPod.

Chief U.S. District Judge Claire V. Eagan sentenced Woods to over seven years (87 months) imprisonment for the crime of Possession of Child Pornography. On August 25, 2007, an acquaintance found Wood's iPod and turned it over to Claremore police. It contained multiple pictures and videos of children engaged in sexually explicit acts with adults and with other children. The material had been obtained from peer-to-peer file sharing sites on the Internet. Woods was charged in a federal indictment in November 2007 and he pled guilty on January 18.

The charges against Woods were the result of a joint investigation by the Claremore Police Department and the Tulsa Police Department. Assistant U. S. Attorney Susan Morgan represented the government in this matter.

The federal indictment in this case was brought as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood initiative and the continuing effort to target individuals who possess and/or distribute child pornography. The Department launched Project Safe Childhood in February 2006 as a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices nationwide, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, and helps identify and assist the victims of these atrocious crimes.

For more information about the national Project Safe Childhood initiative, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.